

Please support immediate implementation of a declaratory ruling making wireline and wireless phone numbers fully portable. In a free market environment, telecommunication companies should be required to compete based on the strength of their product and service offerings. They should not be able to hide behind

regulations to maintain customers that they might otherwise lose to more customer-focused providers. Number portability (both for wireline to wireless and between wireless providers) is becoming increasingly important to businesses and consumers alike as reliance on both forms of communications grows. Within the business world it is especially critical since phone numbers are the primary way that companies maintain contact with their customers.

I urge you to implement full number portability without any further delays. There is no technical or functional reason why carriers can not comply with this requirement immediately.